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Panama is not to have any more revolutions, and so will have to think up some new form of popular light entertalnment.

Methodist visitors of course did not go down to the Sunday ball game, though they knew they would enjoy the shouting.

It now is evident that the Japs propose to be as mean as the Russian government and drive a lot of Russians

the Democratic nomination for Governor play a little game, the loser to take the nomination? If Mr. Bryan were a low, mean man,

and lose his \$14,000 job by resigning to run for President? Sermons delivered here by visiting clergymen on Sunday, having been

moving efforts, were quite appropriate on the 1st of May. It is claimed that the Utah building at St. Louis is not large enough, in

appropriation for it. In their report of the battle on the Yaiu, the Japs very modestly place the ensualties of the enemy at only 100 more than their own.

But could a sincere Democratic candidate for Judge feel just right in accepting a nomination from se unworthy a party as the Republican?

Did your old landlord find that you had observed a May day custom and moved out, when he went around yesterday to collect the back rent?

Perhaps Mr. Taylor can show in defense that he made a solemn promise in providing good domestic help,

The fog was a friend to Russia in the naval operations around and below Vladivostok. This is the first time the been in a dense fog with respect to all and it was this that led them into the now find themselves.

The capitalization of corporations in the Eastern States is still on the downward scale; the amount of it for April was a decided falling off as compared with March, being \$74,700,000 for the former month, and \$83,050,000 for the later. It is a healthy sign, as proving that speculation is being curbed, and that the market refuses to take masses of securities practically without examination because some great name stands sponsor for them.

The stockmen have gained an important victory in securing from the railroads a return transportation for the men sent east in charge of live stock. This is an important gain, and is a substantial proof that the stockmen made an excellent move in their step to liberate themselves from the extertions of the "beef trust," and to free their business from as many things as possible that they consider detrimental. They have but to keep on to have things pretty much their own way, as a business so very great as theirs must be competed for.

The labor unions of Australia forced the resignation of the ministry, because the strikers on the Government railways were suppressed by force. The issue was on the question of arbitration. the unions claiming that the dispute should have been arbitrated, and the ernmental functions, holding that to power to a board which had no responsibility for the public administration or this it would be impossible to conduct against their will, nor for the imposi- "worldly pleasures" are wrong; that | gested last season,

tion of taxes which they considered unnecessary, and against which the taxpayers would be sure to revolt. A ministry thus hemmed in "between the devil and the deep sea" could not last a year.

THE Y. M. C. A. CORNER STONE LAYING.

The exercises at the laying of the corner-stone for the fine new building for the Yuong Men's Christian Association in this city on Sunday evening were of an appropriate, enthusiastic character. The enthusiasm was fully justified, too, in view of the great things done under the leadership of Secretary Oscar L. Cox since he came to this city.

His labors have resulted in the purchase of the corner west of the old city hall, and the pledging of a large portion of the sum necessary to the erection of the finely-planned building whose corner-stone was so impressively laid. The confidence, cheery good will and ample recognition he has given to helpful work and benevolence in this work have done much to inspire the very aid that he requires.

The field for work of the kind which the Y. M. C. A. does is large here; the need of that work is urgent. We have spoken several times of the imperative need of some agency to uplift the young men whose welfare has been neglected and who, for the lack of proper helps and restraining influences are subject to thwarted lives and blasted careers.

It is certain, from the evidences given of good work by the Y. M. C. A., that this association will be a powerful factor for good in leading young men into right ways, and in the redemption of those who may have made a misstep. The building which is being constructed will be a headquarters for good influences, a center from which active crusades for moral elevation will eman-

From henceforth, but particularly from the time when its new building will be ready for use, we may all expect an activity from this source which will have an important effect on the moral atmosphere of this place, and which will be the salvation of many a young man. And in the words of the vernacular, we may say, "More power to it!" All should give support to the association, and a personal service and interest which will encourage its workers, and by reflex action help them who thus take this interest and give

It is the practice of the Navy Department to name the battleships for the different States, and the cruisers for the cities. The State is expected to be represented at the launching of the battleship named for it, and the city honwhich it may be said to differ from the ored by having a cruiser named for It is expected to give that cruiser a table service when the vessel goes into the Turks thirty thousand in the fightcommission. That is all well enough, and commendable; but why not go a step further? Why not arouse the enthuslasm of the State for the navy still lines, which brought on a counter asmore by making up the crew of the battleship of enlistments from that State, and likewise the crew of the cruiwhich the cruiser is named? In that much fostered, and it would be kept up by seeing that the crew was always at the maximum. Now that the State's rights dogma is effectively settled, the danger of such a course would be nothng, while the effect of the policy in stimulating throughout this whole country and keeping alive an interest to his older wives to be faithful to them in the navy would be most advanta-

The gold shipments continue, three million dollars in the yellow metal being withdrawn yesterday for export. It fog has helped the Russians. They have is estimated that during the ensuing three months, the gold exports from the this Japanese business, from the first. United States will amount to forty-two million dollars, mostly to France, the wretched predicament in which they payment for the Panama canal being the cause of most of the export. That will absorb six months' gold product of the gold mines of this country, and will be no serious loss. But what we gain in that canal will be a memorial for all time to the greatness and power of this people. Doubtless the celebration a century hence of the inauguration of work on this great world channel of trade will be on a scale that will as immeasurably surpass the centennial celebration going on this year as this event surpasses the possibilities that could have been dreamed of in St. Louis a century ago.

This city was greatly favored on Sunday by so many eminent divines, who made brief tarries among us and delivered stirring and helpful sermons. Those were fortunate who heard the visitors; those who did not hear them have sustained a loss. The visitors were men of distinction, and it was an act of high courtesy which deserves the pleasantest recognition, for them to remain in this city to preach, as so many of them did, much to the people's satisfaction.

For the most part, the questions stated for the action of the Methodist ministers in their general conference at Los Angeles, are stated fairly and impartially. But one is put down with an evident bias which in an ordinary discussion would be called begging the question. We refer to the third in the schedule-"Shall worldly pleasures, such ministry declining to surrender its Gov- as dancing, theater-going, and cardplaying, be condoned by the church?" yield in this would be to surrender their | This is a form which is objectionable on two points: first, in the stigmatizing of the recreations a "worldly pleasthe public finances; and that if they did | ures," which puts them under a ban at once; and second, in following this up precipitation during the winter was the Government, for the ministers could with the use of the word "condoned," light. It looks really as if our cycle not be responsible for results forced which assumes primarily that these of wet years had begun, as was sug-

the utmost possible that the church could do would be to "condone" this wrong; but that as a matter of principle, it could not be done. It would certainly be better, if the church is to deal with that question at all, to give it a fair show in the statement of the case if this is not possible, it would be better to leave the question out of the programme altogether. It certainly is not fair to include in that programme a question, and condemn it in the mere statement of it.

THE HYSTERIA CONTINUES.

There was a skirmish on the Yalu river last week, lasting in a desultory way for several days. The Japanese succeeded in crossing the river, with a portion of their forces, having effected crossing some distance above a few days before, with an advance guard, which came down the west bank after getting across. With the support of this advance guard, the crossing was offected, and a party of Russians which had been posted there to obstruct the crossing, was driven away.

The Japanese evidently were not in force, and neither were the Russians. If it had been a move in force, a general battle, the Japanese commander would of course have swung his right across the Russian left, and occupied the road to Fungwancheng, along which the Russians finally retreated. But he evidently was not in strong force enough on the west bank of the Yalu to do this, and the Russian party got away.

The Russians claim that not more than five thousand men of their force were engaged, which is likely enough to be true, so far as the actual fightnig is concerned, though they probably had for or five times that number scattered through the region which formed their first line of defense. The Japanese had in all about fifteen thousand men in the assault. That the fighting was more in the nature of a skirmish than of battle, is shown in the very light losses, seven hundred by the Japanese and eight hundred by the Russians.

And yet a London paper has the silliness to compare this, which was practically but "an affair of the outposts." to Pievna, and even mentions Waterloo in the same connection. Waterlee, which changed the history of Europe, and in which fifty-five thousand men were killed and wounded. And Pleyna, one of the greatest and bloodiest military operations of history.

At Plevna, a hundred and twenty thousand Russians invested seventy thousand Turks on July 18, 1877, and held them till December 16th of the same year, a period of one hundred and forty-two days, with constant fighting. In one of the assaults made on the Turks (September 13th) the Russians lost 18,000 men. In all, they lost at Pleyna forty thousand men, and ing, the remaining forty thousand Turks being taken prisoners in a heroic effort to break through the Russian

sault and the final capitulation. And it is fighting like this that the paltry skirmishing on the Yalu is ser of enlistments from the city for likened to! And by a grave and steady English editor! Surely the world is losway the State and city pride would be ing its sense of proportion, and is giving way to a general hysteria.

> It is claimed that Parker is to be sacrificed this year by the Democrats, with no hope of election, merely to slough off Bryan and Tammany. Vain hope! The probability is that with the "reorganizers" defeated this year, the Bryan sentiment of the party would point to reorganization as a failure, and demand a return to the Chicago and Kansas City plattforms, as at least opening vital issues to fight for, or which some enthusiasm could be worked up in the campaign. But with Parker nominated, on a platform such as the New York Democrats put forth the campaign would be as dead as a drama founded on the homilies in the prayer-book. As to Tammany, it is idle to think of eliminating that from the Democratic party, no matter how odious it may be. Tammany is the very spirit of Democracy, its soul and abiding trust. For, without Tammany any hope of Democratic success in either a National campaign or a State campaign in New York, is but an idle dream. So far from eliminating Tammany from the party. Tammany can better afford to cut itself loose from the party, which at times shows such scorn for it, but is helpless without its aid. And if after a lost campaign by the reorganizers, there is to be any more reorganizing done, Tammany and the Bryan element are the boys that will do It

A large number of labor strikes and an important lock-out were reported yesterday. The strikes were expected. as they had been foreshadowed and threatened; the lock-out was not, but it is explained as merely made with the knowledge that a strike was sure at a given hour, if the workmen had been admitted to the shops. It is a bad inauguration of the month, but it is hoped that the difficulties are not so bad but that they can be overcome. It would be a needless handicap to the prosperity of the country to have any virulent or extended strikes in the labor world this year; the Presidential campaign is interruption enough.

The storm of yesterday seems to have been quite general, and to have been in places very severe. It will add materially to the raising of the lake, and will no doubt be of much service in the southern part of the State, where the

HAD A REVELATION.

From the Washington Post.

A new member from the South, who about courtesies from railroad and tel-egraph companies, has experienced a conversion. "I am here," said he to a friend last November, "to represent my people with absolute freedom and independence, and I could not fulfill my

trust to them with free passes and deadhead franks in my pocket." Since then he has realized that his telegraph bill to his constituents is amounting to more than he can save out of his stationery allowance or out of deals for surplus documents and garden seeds. Meeting his friend to whom he made his original declaration, he observed:

I understand it is the general practice here for members of the House to receive telegraph franks. Where can I get one of those little books?"

TRAIN UP THE PARENTS.

From the Portland Oregonian.

The child's salvation must be won om within out and not from without o. All the laws and restrictions in the orld cannot make a good man or we man out of the individual that is determined to seek the disreputable and the vile. What must save the body or the girl is the principle instilled from earyears by faithful love and author line upon line, precept upon pre-We must reach the wayward and reckless parent somehow before we can make much impression on the character of children that live at home. How this can be done is a problem that almost baffles solution.

MARKING TIME.

From the New York Tribune

The world's best timekeeper is said to be the electric clock in the basement of the Berlin observatory, which was installed by Prof. Foerster in 1865. It is inclosed in an airtight glass cylinder, and has frequently run for periods of two or three months with an average daily deviation of only fifteen one-thou sandths of a second. Yet astronome are not satisfied with even this, and ef forts are continually made to secure ideal conditions for a clock by keeping it not only in an airtight case, but in ar underground vault, where neither changes of temperature nor the barometric pressure shall ever affect it.

SPICE.

"Are there clubs for women in this own?" asked the suffragist from the East.
"Certainly not," replied the gallant
Westerner. "We can handle women without clubs."—Chicago Evening Post.

Mr. Strange-Your father is in politics, nmy Lushman-Yes, but mom thinks

Tommy Lushman—Yes, but mom thinks he's gittin' cured of it. Mr Strange—Indeed? Tommy Lushman—Yeh, his stemach's gone back on him an' he can't drink like he useter.—Philadelphia Press.

Mrs. Hatterson-1 wonder if it has paid o give our daughter such a good educa-Hatterson-Paid! Why, of course, Don't you see from her manner how superior she is to us.—Life.

'Rastus doan' seem able to git a libin' No, an' he sho'ly has tried hard er-"Go long man! Why, he ain't got no ambition, nehow."
"G! he done got de ambition, all right, but he's too homely; no gat will marry him."—Philadelphia Press.

RHYMES OF THE DAY.

The boy sat on the moonlit deck,
His bead was in a whirl;
His eyes and mouth were full of hair,
And his arms were full of girl.

THE MARBLE STARE, We met beside the blue, blue sea, But other men were there; And when I tried to tell my tale I got the stony store.

We met again on the hotel steps.
But other malds were there;
While on the porch I got a seat,
She got the stony stair.

Town Toples,

The secret of real beauty is
As plain as day.
You've merely to accomplish this: Be born that way Philadelphia Press.

Anything to Please -He told her that he sought a heart With budding graces filled— A virgin shrine that Cupid's dart Had never, never thrilled. And as this maid is up to date, She's using radium rays She'n using A hopes to quite obliterate a hopes to quite obliterate.

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